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NAR PLANS OUTLAY OF $4,000,000

New Diesel Units At $1,000,000 To Improve NAR Facilities

The general manager of the NAR, J. F. Cooper, announced on Wednesday that the company intends to outlay more than $4,000,000 in a large improvement program.

It was expected a start will be made to dieselize NAR operations, when diesel units will be available early next year. A nucleus of five units will cost $1,000,000, railway officials said.

In the meantime, plans are being studied to improve shop facilities at a cost of $265,000 at the Dunvegan yards in Edmonton, to serve the new diesel equipment.

The big 1956 program commenced early this year when four of the concrete piers at the Peace River bridge of the northern Alberta country were housed-in repaired and reconditioned. This work was completed before the spring break-up and cost $348,000.

A further $51,000 will be spent in rebuilding four loading platforms, additions to four buildings, installing sewer and water services at five stations, McLennan, Peace River, Grimshaw, Rycroft and Sexsmith, and in building a new enginemen's bunkhouse at Lac la Biche.

Six passenger coaches and sleepers will be reconditioned at a cost of $150,000 while $10,000 will be spent for more track motor cars, special tools, and other items.

Twenty-eight trestle bridges, 23 miles of ditching, 50 miles of ballasting were among the improvements, and heavy expenditures are being made to increase commercial telegraph facilities, Mr. Cooper said.

Surprise Party For Mrs. Breau

LAC LA BICHE—Friends gave a surprise birthday party for Mrs. Breau on her birthday, May 14. Mrs. Breau was taken completely by surprise when presented with a birthday cake and cups and saucers.

There were 14 ladies at the party and several joined in the sing-song, accompanied by Joyce Breau at the piano. Lynne Breau played a piano solo.

At the close of the evening, lunch was served. Mrs. Peltier, Mrs. Dumas and Mrs. William Hamelton were in charge of the arrangements.

LA To Sponsor Bake Sale

A bake sale, sponsored by the Ladies' Aid, will be held at the Robinson Stores at Lac la Biche, May 26, at 3 p.m.

This Week . . . In Country Life

Alberta COUNTRY LIFE section this week carries an interesting story about the Lac Ste. Anne district of Alberta. The story is written by Christina Wicklund of Portland, Oregon. It is entitled "Crossroads of Decision". Be sure not to miss it in this week's COUNTRY LIFE, page 5.

Honored On 7th Anniversary

LAC LA BICHE — About 14 friends gathered at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Fred Harmon on the evening of May 14, to help them celebrate their 7th wedding anniversary.

Their friends arrived in an impromptu fashion to wish them a happy anniversary and spend an enjoyable evening. To complete the evening, in view of the fact that Mr. Harman is the local fish inspector, Dr. W. Cadzow and friends brought along a supply of fresh-caught pickerel and served a delicious supper at midnight to all the guests.

Lac la Biche

Michael Maccagno, MLA, spent a few days in Edmonton on business.

Over the long holiday week-end many visitors were here and quite a few motor boats were seen on the lake. The navigation season for 1956 is now opened.

Many of the keen fishermen about town are coming back from their fishing trips reporting wonderful catches.

Urbin J. Richard of the Royal Canadian Navy is home on leave from Nova Scotia, visiting his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Louis Richards. He will go to Victoria, B.C., after his leave here.

Mrs. Myskiw Entertains WI

The May meeting of the WI was held at the home of Mrs. N. Myskiw with 15 members and two visitors in attendance. Roll call was answered with the name of an important woman and her office.

It was reported that the bingo held on April 26 had been well attended.

The library convener reported that a grant of $100.00 had been received from the school division. A number of new adult books as well as some new books for the smaller children have been added to the library. A library tag day will be held June 1 and 2.

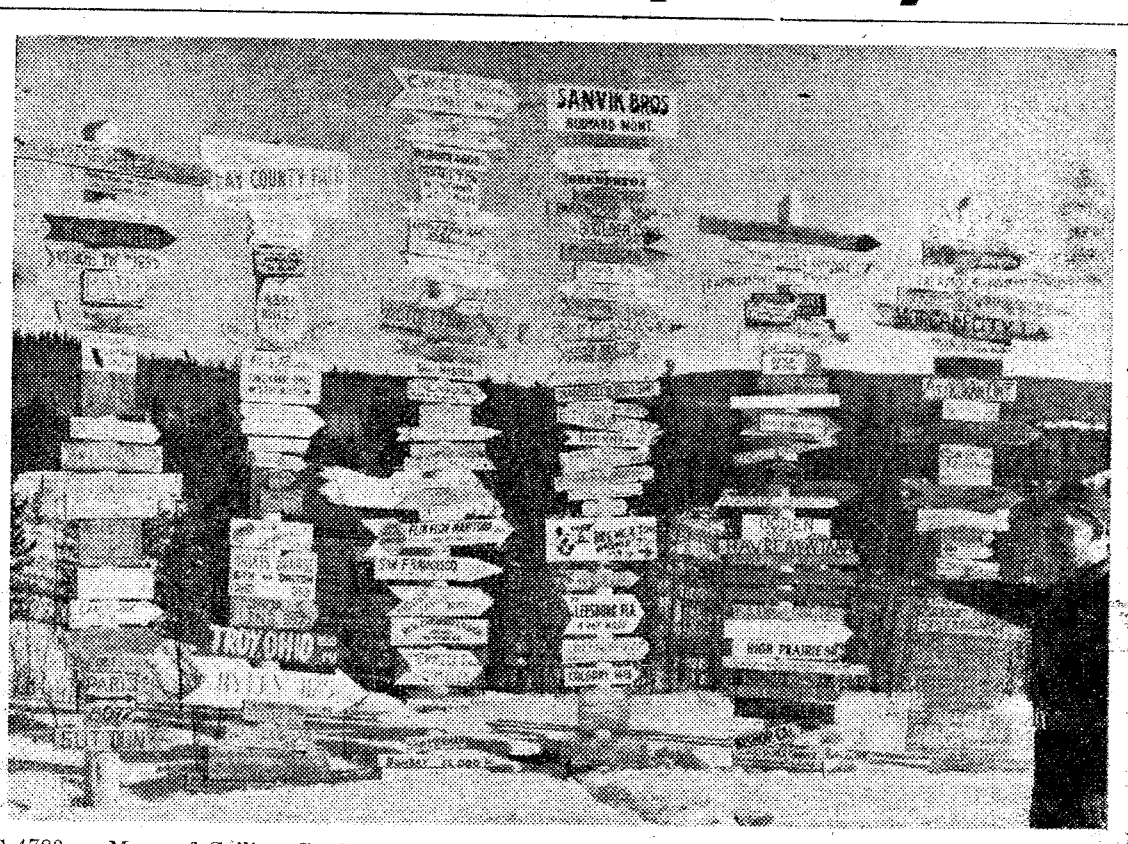
Receipts will be issued and honored as follows: 50c donations will entitle the bearer to one juvenile membership and $1.00 donations will entitle the bearer to one adult membership or two juvenile memberships. Receipts will be honored up to Sept. 1, 1956, only.

The comic book situation was discussed and further studies will be made before the next meeting.

M. Maccagno, MLA, addressed the ladies briefly on the different aspects of citizenship.

The next meeting will be held in the home of Mrs. D. Joncas. Mrs. F. McMillan will be co-hostess. Roll call will be answered with an exchange of recipes, and Miss D. Montalbetti, district home economist, will give a demonstration.

Mrs. N. Myskiw and co-hostess, Mrs. P. Hayduk, served a delicious lunch after the business meeting had adjourned.



WC 4780 - Maze of Calling Cards — an eye-stopper for tourists on the Northwest Highway System is this collection of signs located at Watson Lake, Y.T. United States soldiers and construction workers started the fad during the building of the Alaska Highway as a military route early in the Second World War, with Canadian soldiers and tourists adding to it during postwar years. Above, Pete. Mike Maleski, who is stationed at Whitehorse, Y.T., and has driven more than 80,000 miles on the northern road in the past two years, points out his hometown sign of Calgary near the bottom centre. The jumble of signs include such distant places as Paris, Berlin, Abbotsford, B.C.; Watrous, Sask.; Clinton, B.C.; Moose Jaw, Sask.; Flin Flon, Man.; Suffield, Alta.; Timmins, Ont.; High Prairie, Alta; Atikokan, Ont., and Winnipeg.

FULL PROGRAM ARRANGED FOR INSPECTION CEREMONY SEA CADETS

LAC LA BICHE — As far as the sea cadets are concerned, the Exeter has been repainted and is now in the lake again and the cadets are concentrating on the annual inspection, which this year will be held on Thursday, May 31, with Commander R. Hickey RCN-R of HMCS Nonsuch, Edmonton, being the inspecting officer.

Weather permitting, the inspection will be held at the sea cadet camp and the public, especially the parents of the cadets, are invited to attend.

Inspection ceremonies should commence at 3 p.m., as quite a long program has been arranged for this year and lunch will be served at the camp for the cadets and visitors.

The local committee of the navy League of Canada, headed by M. Maccagno, MLA, have had several meetings to organize the inspection as far as catering to the public is concerned.

The Junior Navy League cadets will also take part in this inspection and it is hoped that a large number of people will turn out for this event.

The date again, Thursday, May 31, the place, the cadet camp and you are all invited.

Ladies' UGO Sponsors Bino

CASLAN — The ladies of the Ukrainian Greek Orthodox club held a bingo and whist drive at the Caslan school on the evening of May 12.

Many useful bingo prizes were won. Miss Helen Lukasuik and Carl Lukasuik won the first prizes for having the highest whist scores. Mrs. Steve Gordey and John Slamko received consolation prizes.

Lunch was served during the evening.

Mother's Banquet Well Attended

The annual Mother's Day banquet, sponsored by the Ukrainian Ladies' Society of Lac la Biche, was very well attended; even the weatherman contributed his part for the mothers of the district.

The afternoon program, consisting of various recitations, songs, and folk dances, with all the highly decorated costumes, was very well directed by Miss Melnyk, Miss Tkachuk and Rev. Zubrisky.

To conclude the reception for the mothers, a draw was made for the raffle prizes. John Pohranychny was the winner of the first prize, electric mantle clock; H. W. Slipchenko, of Edmonton, won the second prize, flash camera outfit; Andrew Firchuk, formerly of Lac la Biche, but now of Edmonton, won the third prize, an electric table lamp.

The ladies of the Ukrainian Orthodox Society wish to thank everyone for their participation in this event.

Mrs. Elnicki Laid To Rest

VENICE — Funeral services for Mrs. Victoria Elnicki, who passed away in her 85th year, May 8, in Athabasca, were held in the Holy Redeemer Catholic Church on May 11. She was laid to rest in the Venice cemetery.

Mrs. Elnicki, the former Victoria Okonska, was born in Poland. In 1886, she married Michael Dmytruszunski. They had five children. In 1896, the family moved to Winnipeg, Man., where they resided for 17 year. They returned to Poland, where her husband died in 1927.

In the same year, Mrs. Dmytruszunski returned to Canada and settled in yaWen, where she married Martin ESlnicki. From 1930 to 1950, Mr. and Mrs. Martin Elnicki lived in Venice.

In 1950, Mr. Elnicki passed away and Mrs. Elnicki lived with her daughter, Mrs. Torresan, until 1953. The last three years of her life were spent at St. Vincent de Paul Home in Athabasca.

She leaves to mourn, two daughters, 16 grandchildren, 36 gregt-grandchildren and two great-great-grandchildren.

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Gone Fishing

By MRS. R. E. PIQUETTE

LAC LA BICHE — Thursday afternoon the town seemed completely deserted, and "where was everyone?" — Gone to Owl River to catch pickerel.

Reports are pickerel fishing is really good out there, so come on, folks, let's boost our town—invite your friends—tourists bring business and trade to our town—Let's all get out to make this a bigger and better tourist attraction every year.

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John Kolwich has left for Unity, where he will be working for the Whalen Construction Co.

Joe McKenzie has returned to his farm five miles south. His wife and family, at present at Colville, Wash., will join him later.

The two Kritze families have been forced to leave their farms owing to the floods. Mr. and Mrs. Peter Kritze are living on the Tom Jenkins farm, while Mr. and Mrs. Bruce Kritze have moved a house onto a lot in the hamlet.

Mrs. Joe Stepaniuk was taken to Lac la Biche Hospital on Wednesday but returned home next day.

The Students' Union sponsored a most successful dance in the community hall on Friday. Plamondon orchestra supplied the music.

Mr. and Mrs. Fred Sakulich and son, Andrew, were in Edmonton Wednesday.

Mr. Foster of Union Tractor, dropped in by plane on Saturday, landing on the farm of W. A. Corse.

Mr. and Mrs. Leshyshyn were in Lac la Biche Friday for medical and dental treatment.

Week-end visitors to Grassland included Mrs. Mackenzie, Roy Newman, Andy Nieb, Ralph Kritze, Miss Iris Nelson and Gordon Nelson.

Ted Leshchyshyn left on Wednesday for work at Anzac.

Mr. and Mrs. Bracco left for Edmonton last Wednesday to attend the convocation ceremonies at the Edmonton Gardens, where their son, John Bracco, will receive his degree of Bachelor of Law.

The old building opposite the general store, long a landmark in the hamlet, is being demolished.

Rustyk Sadownik, who has been attending university, is now working at Namao airport.

Calgary Power Co. gang is camped near the community hall and expects to be in the district all summer.

Wandering River School presented a concert at the hall on Wednesday.

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The Special Committee appointed by the Legislative Assembly at the recent Session for the purpose of reviewing the provisions of the Alberta Liquor Control Act in order to recommend amendments thereto, will receive written briefs from interested persons, groups, and organizations prior to June 1st, 1956.

Representations in support of the briefs submitted by organizations or groups only will be heard commencing June 18th.

Organizations and groups that submit briefs will be advised when to appear before the Committee.

Twelve copies of the briefs should be sent to: The Clerk of the Legislative Assembly, Legislative Building, Edmonton.

R. CREVOLIN,
Secretary of Committee

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A MESSAGE FROM YOUR EDITOR

Back in 1952, we pioneered the Municipal Paper Plan in the municipal district of Athabasca. In the fall of 1951, we sent on free distribution, copies of the Colinton Clipper, Boyle Beacon, and Lac la Biche Herald to resident ratepayers on a free-trial basis.

We wanted to know if the ratepayers themselves approved of the municipal paper. They did. At the 1952 annual meeting, a packed hall voted practically 100% in favor of the plan.

Since then, it has been our privilege to send the municipal paper to all resident ratepayers every week.

At the beginning, we asked only to supply the eastern part of the municipal district where the Boyle Beacon and the Lac la Biche Herald circulated. We wanted the Athabasca Echo to make the same arrangements for the western section. This, the Echo flatly refused to do. So, in order to serve the municipal ratepayers at all, we had to organize the Colinton Clipper to do the job that we felt the Echo should have been willing to do all along.

That our papers were well accepted, we had no doubt. At every annual ratepayers' meeting, where the subject was brought up, the plan was endorsed again, overwhelmingly. Nearly 90% of the farmers paying taxes in the M.D. of Athabasca have signed subscription order cards, specifically requesting the paper we publish.

In spite of all this, the council, last fall, passed a motion to discontinue the municipal paper. The only reason given was that the district found itself in dire financial straits and had to economize.

However, at the very next meeting, an attempt was made to transfer the municipal paper contract over to the Athabasca Echo. This did not look reasonable to the majority of the councillors, who wouldn't agree to making a new deal with another paper, after so soon cancelling on account of "economy" reasons.

The ratepayers at the annual meeting again endorsed the municipal paper plan and acceded to a suggestion that the Echo be sent at a cheaper rate, all in the interests of economy.

At the next meeting of the council, we countered with a still lower rate, calculated to save the municipal district several hundred dollars a year.

Now, in the buying of material and services and in the letting of contracts, public bodies usually take the lower tender to save all the money they can. This should be the case, particularly with the Municipal District of Athabasca at this time.

However, by the means of a secret ballot, a majority favored the Echo at the higher rate. We have been asked to withdraw our paper from circulation. We don't consider this fair to the ratepayers, to the individual councillors, or to ourselves.

In the first place, there is no reason why the readers of this paper should be forced to switch their subscription to another paper without a free choice. We believe the Echo should be encouraged to participate in the Municipal Paper Plan if it wishes, but that those who have been subscribing to our paper, should be allowed to continue it if they wish.

If economy reasons were the real reasons for the council wanting to cancel the subscription contract in the first place, then, we believe in fairness to the Municipal District, the lowest tender should be accepted for the paper, as for any other service being bought.

In fairness to the councillors, who voted by secret ballot for the lowest tender, the vote should be taken again, so that those councillors who are in favor of saving money for their ratepayers, should not have to bear the responsibility in any way for the blame of spending money needlessly.

It has always been our policy to be fair and above board in our dealings with the Municipal District of Athabasca. In addition, we believe we have given an acceptable product to the subscriber-ratepayers. All we ask now, is fair play on the part of all concerned. For five years we have served the district faithfully and under the circumstances, we feel the matter should be re-opened, and each individual ratepayer given the opportunity of subscribing to the paper of his choice.

The Department of Municipal Affairs has warned the council that it should stay within its annual budget. If it does not, an administrator will be appointed to take over control of the area.

Acceptance of our offer to supply subscriptions during 1956 at half-price, will help the council to stay within the budget as required. The district is in no position to spend an unnecessary dollar.

This week we are asking the Municipal Council to continue with the paper plan as at present, but make it possible for anyone who wishes, to take the Athabasca Echo in place of the paper they are now getting.

T. W. PUE,
Editor and Publisher.

U.S. may build a land airstrip in Antarctic.

Lac la Biche

Mrs. N. L. Young and Mrs. Ernest Jones spent a few days in Edmonton.

Hon Gordon Taylor, minister of highways, was a recent visitor.

The ice went out of Lac la Biche on Sunday, not much later than usual, in spite of the long winter and thick ice.

Friends and relatives in the district extend sympathy to the relatives of Philip Plamondon Sr., one of the districts old-timers, who passed away suddenly.

Ward Austin is looking forward to the return of his wife this week from Edmonton, where she has been staying at her brother's home following a serious operation.

George Gorday and John Deihl were visitors at Fork Lake and Lac la Biche this week. Mr. Deihl visited at the home of Joe Sunderman of Fork Lake.

Mr. and Mrs. Sunderman of Fork Lake were in Lac la Biche recently to meet Doreen, who works in Edmonton.

Stella Lochavich went to Edmonton, Sunday, where she will visit her sister, Mary.

Caslan

The Caslan School Club sponsored a "Hard Time" dance at the school, May 11. Mr. F. Michetti and Mrs. N. Krywko won prizes for their costumes. Mrs. S. Lukasuik won the bouquet of flowers in the raffle.

Bill Wolansky and Nick Cherniwchan spent the weekend with their families.

Mr. and Mrs. Pat Gordon and son Wayne have returned here from Sundre, where Pat has been working.

John Slamko of Edmonton spent the weekend with his mother.

Mr. and Mrs. Stanley Cislo motored to Smith last Sunday to visit the latter's sister, Mrs. Pete Kotch and family.

Michael Kowalchuk spent last weekend at Red Deer visiting Mrs. Kolwalchuk.

Rich Lake

The Students' Union sponsored a dance at the school on May 11.

Albert Haimila and Ira Kumpula are home from the hospital.

Eileen Waine is in St. Paul's hospital for an operation on her hand.

Miss Jean Tikkanen is spending a few days visiting her parents, Mr. and Mrs. E. N. Tikkanen.

Mrs. Ray Kumpula held a party on May 10 on the occasion of her husband's birthday.

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Atmore

Mrs. M. Fischer accompanied her son and daughter-in-law, Mr. and Mrs. Ken Fischer, to Edmonton where she is spending a brief vacation.

Mrs. N. Kostuik and family have moved to Wandering River, while Nick is working at Drayton Valley.

Mr. and Mrs. L. Verklund and family motored from the city for the Victoria Day week-end and were guests at the William Campbell home. Mr. H. Dick, Mrs. Campbell's father, accompanied them. He will remain here for the summer months.

Allan Baldwin and son, Roderick, have returned to the farm and commenced the spring seeding operations.

Mr. and Mrs. George Dakin were recent business visitors to Athabasca.

Armand Bouvier spent several days in the city receiving dental attention.

Miss Dorothy Walters of Red Deer was a week-end guest at the home of Mrs. Lloyd Dakin.

Several ladies surprised Mrs. William Campbell on May 18, on the occasion of her birthday. Those present included Miss Walters, Mrs. L. Dakin, Mrs. R. Marteson and Peggy, Mrs. L. Shank and Mrs. J. Bossel

A surprise birthday party honoring W. Duigon in his home was held last Sunday evening. Several friends and relatives enjoyed a quiet sociable evening

Mr and Mrs. L. Cyr of Legal were recent visitors to Atmore where they were guests at the L. Dakin and I. McKenzie homes.

Lloyd and Rodger Dakin were recent visitors to Sangudo where they called on the C. Bauer family.

Mrs. R. Matheson and Peggy spent several days in Edmonton last week.

HOME HINTS

by

DORIS MONTALBETTI

RHUBARB'S READY

Are you as anxious as I am for some of that delicious garden-fresh rhubarb? Round about now we should be able to satisfy our appetites. Your's should be up and ready by now.

We have some rhubarb recipes that are different and will help you use the first crop from the garden.

— Try some Rhubarb Fluff with a custard sauce or serve it atop some hot gingerbread.

— Now is the time to make some Rhubarb Relish for next winter's cold meat suppers or lunch boxes.

— Ever try to cook the rhubarb in a baking pan in the oven with brown sugar and pineapple or lemon. You'll delight all the family with the new flavor.

— There's nothing like a refreshing drink of rhubarb punch on a hot day. It's gay and festive enough for party fare.

— Have you ever tried a change from the standard rhubarb pie. You'd find the chiffon or custard variation delicious.

— To Freeze: Choose early spring rhubarb of good color. Wash, string and cut stalks to 1" lengths. Pack in dry sugar, using 4 pounds prepared fruit (about 11 cups) to 1 pound sugar (2 cups) or Pack in cold medium syrup to cover. Macdonald variety best for freezing.

— Rhubarb is such an economical dish and can be cooked in a variety of ways. If you are in a rhubarb rut write for the free copy of "Rhubarb Recipes" from Doris Montalbetti, district home economist, Westlock, Alberta.

Spruce Valley

On Monday, Miss E. Koltowski attended an ASA meeting of the Boyle-Grassland sub-local in the Boyle High School. Miss Koltowski is the secretary for the ATA Boyle-Grassland sub-local.

Visitors to Edmonton recently were: Peter Homeniuk, Mr. and Mrs. Peter Koltowski, Bill Mahaden, Fred Ryl, Keith McAuley and Mrs. Karl Zilinski.

Fred Ryl and Keith McAuley have left for Onoway where they hope to find employment.

Steve Mahenden, Keith McAuley and Fred Ryl went job-seeking.

Mr. and Mrs. Stan Kanarek made a business trip to the city.

Farmers are well on with spring work. Some seeding has been done in the district.

Mr. and Mrs. Bill Duban of Lac la Biche are working on their farm here. While working, their tractor caught fire but was put out before much damage was done.

Miss Elsie Koltowski attended a Teachers' Institute at Athabasca on Monday.

Most of the young people from the district attended the barn dance which was held in Grassland hall on Friday.

Peter Homeniuk motored to Thorhild on business.

Frains

Nick Farion visited relatives at Vegreville during the Ukrainian Easter holidays.

Donnie Nahorney was taken to Lac la Biche is to have two baby molars removed.

Steve Shyian who spent the winter in the city, has returned to the farm for seeding.

A surprise birthday party was held by relatives and neighbors for Dan Kolach. An enjoyable evening was spent playing games and dancing and a gift was presented to Dan. Lunch was served. Mrs. Medwid, Dan's sister, from Grassland, baked the birthday cake.

Sir Alexander Korda, movie producer, dies at 62.

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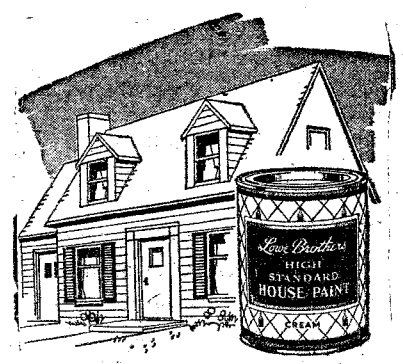

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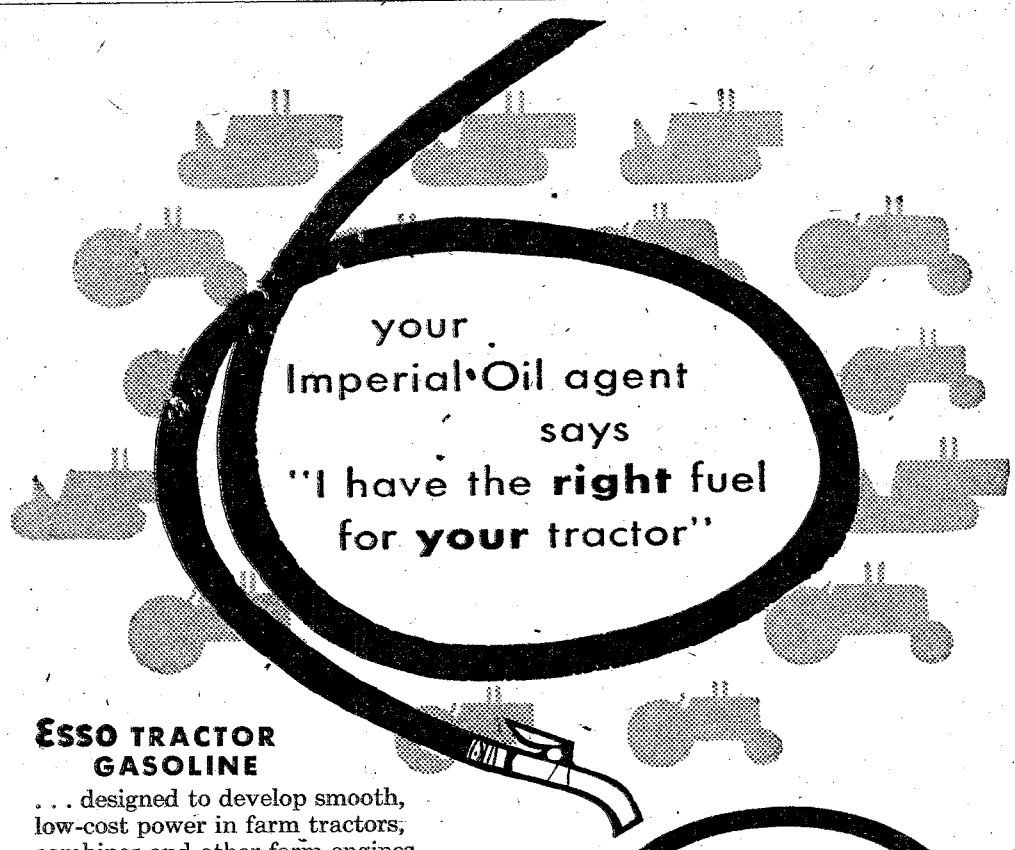

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Hylo

Mr. Woynarowich has commenced his weekly shows once again.

Recent visitors to Edmonton were M. Makowich, Mrs. Carl Keehn and Mrs. P. Tymchuk.

The ladies altar society held its monthly meeting at the home of Mrs. Oliver Piven.

Larry McEachern has returned home after a long stay in St. Cathrine's hospital.

W. Inkster and O. Wachuk left for Anzac to seek employment.

Owl River

The FUA dance held at Owl River School No. 2 was very successful. A large crowd attended including several well-known residents of Lac la Biche. John Scarpin won the cigarette lighter and pen in the raffle.

George Clutchie has been helping Ludwig Diesel weld and repair his machinery over the week-end.

William and Joe Johnston are leaving the community to work for the forestry department. They will be on the north road being built by Mr. Coast.

Clyde Diesel is also leaving to work for the forestry department near Waterways.

Daniel Villiette visited Clyde Diesel recently.

Several coyotes have been seen travelling the Coyote Trail recently. One large one has been named Old Sandy M. for the sandy-colored mane on the back of his neck.

Gourin

Louis Uliac and Denise and Vivian accompanied by Lucien Charest, went to the city on business.

Lillian Duperron is employed by Leo Gaudet at Plamondon.

Lucien Ulliac and Paul Gervais are employed at Walter Woods, Edmonton.

Rolland Ulliac is hospitalized.

McRae

William Thachuck and Jim Littlechild have gone to Edmonton to work for a construction company.

Kenneth Littlechild and Mr. and Mrs. George King of Edmonton visited their parents recently. Maureen Whitford returned with them.

Visitors to McRae last Sunday were Mr. and Mrs. R. Henderson from Edmonton.

The post office has been moved from the premises of E. Squirrel to that of W. Karpyshyn.

Visitors from Edmonton were Mr. and Mrs. S. Dapca.

A birthday party was held at the school for Harold Whitford who celebrated his eighth birthday.

Mr. and Mrs. F. Squirrel visited their parents recently.

Mr. and Mrs. L. Whitford and Mr. and Mrs. H. Thompson visited their uncle, E. S. Whitford who has been ill for some time

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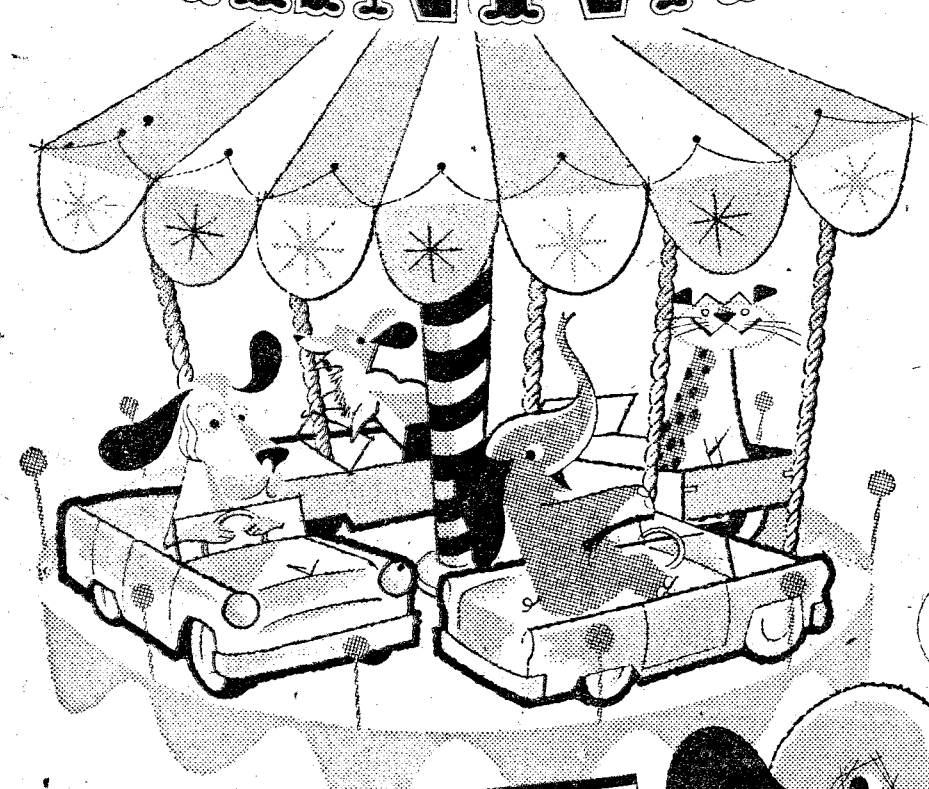

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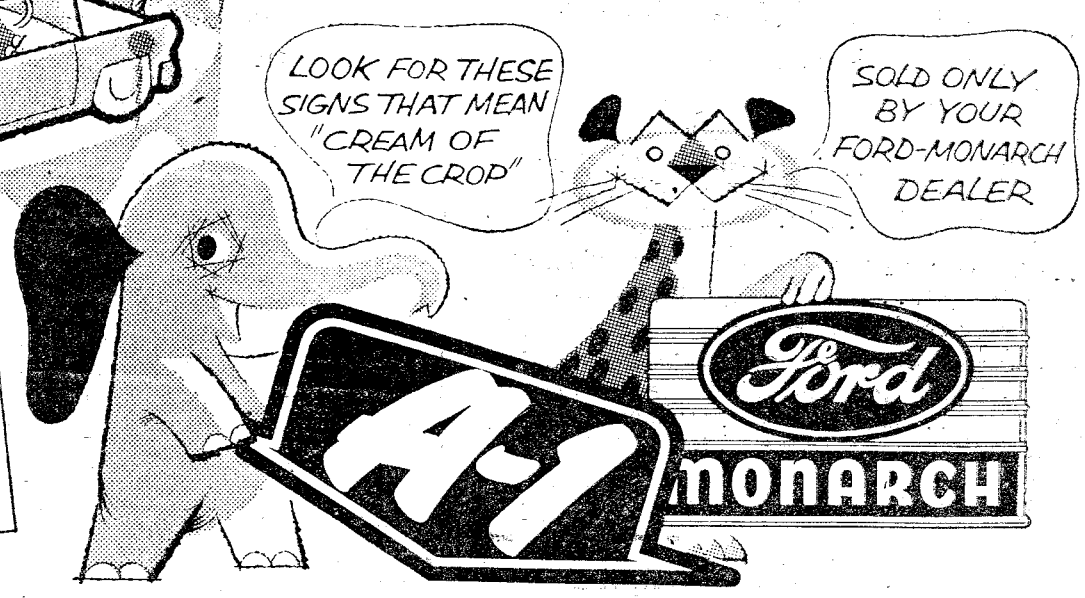

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Plamondon

Leslie Newman has gone to work at Drayton Valley. not Lac la Biche, as stated in the May 16 issue.

Gabriel Ladouceur celebrated his birthday at the home of Mr. and Mrs. F. Powder on Sunday, April 13.

On Wednesday, April 9, Mrs. Alice Caron celebrated her birthday. Friends and relatives for the evening included Mr. and Mrs. G. Ladouceur, Mrs. F. Powder, Mr. and Mrs. A. Stratton and Mr. and Mrs. Maxine Ladouceur.

Mr and Mrs. Alex Gauthier have been visiting their son, Ruby, and family at Mercoal.

Mr. and Mrs. Laurier Plamondon and family have moved to Redwater.

Emmanuel Labonte of St. Albert has been visiting friends and relatives for the past several days.

Mrs. Andre Gaudet and her two sons have joind her husband who is employed at Waterways.

Mrs. Walter Gauthier and Bobby have also gone to Waterways; Raymond and Larry are staying with Mr. and Mrs. Philip Cadieux for the remainder of the school term.

Congratulations to Leo Bosse and Miss Annette Gagne who were married in Edmonton on May 2.

Norman Cote spent the weekend in Red Deer visiting relatives.

Two changes have occurred on the Plamondon teaching staff. Miss Marie Morin has replaced Rev. Sr. Solange who has gone to teach at St. Joseph House in Edmonton, and Rev. Sr. Ludger has taken Rev. Sr. Lelia's place. Rev. Sr. Lelia was confined to hospital.

Rene Menard, employed by J.C. Whalen Construction Road Building Co., is working at Unity, Sask.

Mrs. Ed Ford of Didsbury is visiting her daugher, Mrs. Geraldine Ford, district nurse here.

Kikino

Mr. and Mrs. Robin Thompson are the parents of a daughter, born on May 5 at Goodfish Lake.

A farewell dance was sponsored by the sports committee in the Gairdner Hall, Monday night for Mr. and Mrs. Frank Suvee and family and Mr. Mrs. Pat Cardinal and daughter, who will be leaving to reside in British Columbia.

Mr. and Mrs. James Cardinal and Mr. and Mrs. Benny Cardinal and family leave for British Columbia next week.

Mr. and Mrs. Louie Doucharme of Caslan were visiting in the district recently.

Mrs. Joe Hawse and Flora Hawse of Caslan visited relatives and friends here.

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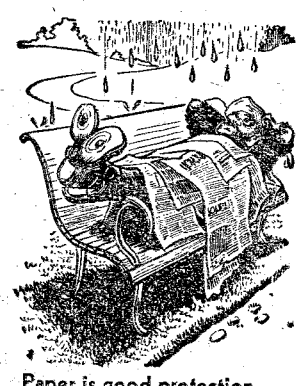

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Provision is contained for the imposition of a fine and possible impoundment of equipment where a violation of the Act occurs.

A copy of the Mobile Construction Equipment Licensing Act may be obtained upon payment of thirty-five cents from the office of the Queen's Printer, Highways Building, Edmonton, Alberta.

Address all enquiries regarding MOBILE CONTRUCTION EQUIPMENT LICENSES to the DEPARTMENT OF MUNICIPAL AFFAIRS, Edmonton, Alberta.

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DISTRICT AGRICULTRIST NOTES

By J. S. LORE, D.A.

Many acres of low lying crop land throughout the prairies are flooded every year for varying lengths of time during the spring run-off. F. D. Cook of the Soil Research Laboratory, Swift Current, Sask., advises that if spring flooded areas are cropped, 75 to 100 pounds per acre of 16-20-0 fertilizer should be applied at seeding time.

The productivity of excessively wet soils is influenced by biological changes in the soil resulting from temporary flooding. The most important of these changes is the breakdown of nitrate to gaseous forms of nitrogen which escapes into the air. As a result the nitrates which might have been used by the plants are converted to a form of nitrogen that is useless for immediate crop needs. This loss is brought about by a group of bacteria called the denitrifiers, which are present in every soil but are not active unless the soil is poorly aerated. In flooded soils, the air spaces are filled with water, resulting in a complete lack of aeration, an ideal condition for the activity of these bacteria.

The greatest losses occur in fallowed soils that have been under water. During the fallow period most soils will build up nitrate nitrogen equal to an application of from 45 to 90 pounds of ammonium nitrate per acre. All of this nitrogen which is available for crops is lost if the soil is saturated for a prolonged period.

This denitrification process is also influenced by temperature. If the soil is at 68 degrees F., the nitrates in fallow will generally disappear in two days; at 50 degrees F., in about one week and at 40 degrees F., they will disappear in about two weeks. Therefore it is not surprising that when fallow soils are flooded, no nitrate remains by the time the field is dry enough to cultivate.

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Owl River

Attendance of members at the Owl River FUA Local No. 348 monthly meeting was fair, despite the rush of spring work.

A meeting of the community was called for May 20 to try to gain possession of the old Owl River school, which the FUA purchased some time ago for their meetings.

Frank Thompson was recently called to Calgary by the death of his mother.

Mr. and Mrs. William Sawchuk and daughters of Hylo paid a visit to Mrs. Sawchuk's parents, who reside here. Accompanying them was Miss Lynda Ladouceur of Old Trail community.

Miss Esther Johnston made an afternoon call on Mrs. L. J. Diesel recently.

Miss Annie Mihalcheon, who resides in Edmonton visited her parents, sisters and brothers recently.

Daniel Viellette has left this community to work for the Forestry Department on the north road.

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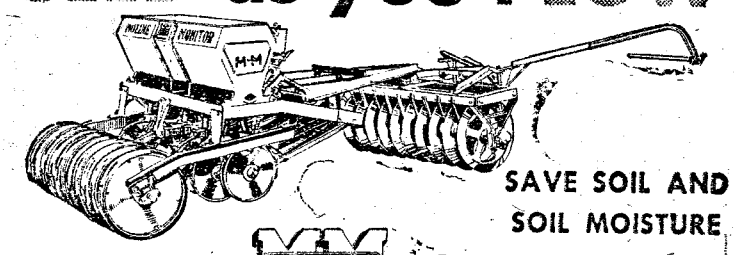

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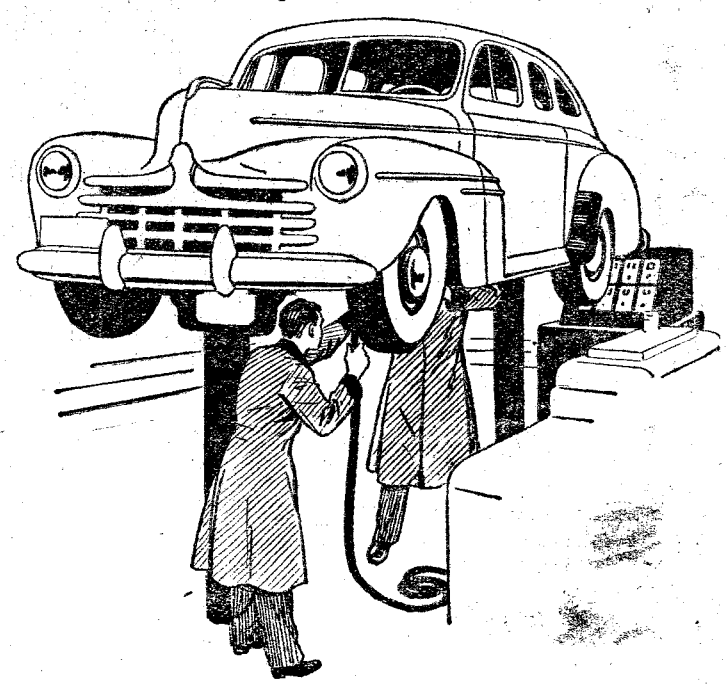
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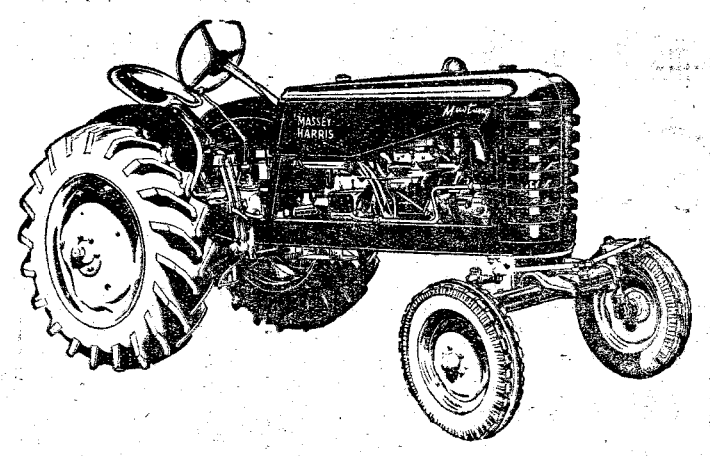

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HOODWINKING THE BLACK FEET

By HENRY THOMPSON

Simon McGillvery and Gaddie Norn, who were about 14 years old, begged to go with the hunters on a trip to the prairies. Their parents had refused permission but Jimmy Norn, Gaddie's oldest brother, interceded for them, promising to be responsible for their safety and good behavior.

As was customary in those trips on the prairies, a leader was elected, and Jimmy was the man. Blackfeet stil indulged in their favorite sport of stealing horses and the Crees seldom lost a reprisal when conditions favored them. The party was a fairly large one, more than half were Crees, but Jimmy was a tough customer and could be counted on to keep the Crees on their best behavior. It was always a a touchy business with too many Crees along.

The boys enjoyed every minute of their new found freedom from parental restrictions. Jimmy figured these boys best controlled if he did not enforce too much authority. However, he advised all members of the party to keep an eye on them at all times, in case their propensity for mischief got them into trouble.

Buffalo were scarce but there were yet a few small bunches that had escaped the general slaughter. One of the scouts had located a few head and preparations were being made to try and get them the next day.

Jimmy didn't want the boys along on this ride, so he took them out to a good duck lake and told them it was their job to get all the ducks they could before he returned that evening. They were about five miles from the camp. He left instructions that if he didn't return in time, they were to return before sundown.

The boys each had a good quiet saddle horse and two dogs to retrieve the ducks. They had a muzzle loading shotgun between them and plenty of ammunition. The boys were both proficient in the use of guns as were all boys, from that age, up in the early days. Ducks were plentiful and tame, and they had a sackfull by noon.

They had worked their way almost all around the lake and they were on a long point of land that jutted a considerable distance in the lake. They decided the point would be a good place to have their dinner, as there was a nice slough to hobble the horses. They cleaned two fat ducks and prepared a "ponask" for each duck. This was a green forked willow stick sharpened on both ends. The small end of the fork, about six inches long, was pushed through the legs and wings of each side of the duck (which was sliced down the centre from breast to tail), the big end driven into the ground, with a short fork stick to support it. The meat was returned frequently and the result was delicious.

With a good sized roast duck under their belts, they decided to have a long rest while their horses fed. A cool breeze blew off the lake and they fell asleep. The low growling of the dogs woke them several hours later.

Gaddie, the lighter sleeper, awoke first and he aroused his companion.

"Simon, wake up! The sun is getting low and it is time to go back to camp."

Simon sat up in a hurry, started for the horses, while Gaddie prepared the packs to load on the animals.

The horses were lying down. As he was about to remove the hobbles, he thought he heard dogs barking, so he climbed on a ridge to see if there was anything there. He was surprised to see quite a number of tents where they had passed earlier in the day. He soon identified them as Blackfoot tents.

Rushing back to his chum, he told him about the tents and that there was no way to get past the tents without being seen. The Indians were camped almost across the neck of land they were on. Even if they waited till dark, the Indian dogs would rouse the camp. Simon said if they left the horses and tied their dogs up they might get past after dark. Gaddie refused to consider this idea at all.

"I will not give up my horse or ducks for a hundred Blackfeet," said Gaddie. "Let me think, there must be a way out."

Simon was pretty despondent and both boys were scared; they had listened to many a tale of Blackfoot ferocity.

At last Gaddie jumped to his feet and in an excited voice declared, "I've got it, Simon, my mother has often told us that no Indian will harm a crazy person. I'll pretend to be crazy and you will lead my horse. We will fool them, they might not bother us."

"Hold on, Gaddie, I won't be crazy and they are liable to take me."

"Don't worry, Simon, you can always get crazy if they catch you. Besides you are half crazy now."

Simon didn't like the idea, but he had nothing better to offer, so he started after the horses.

Meanwhile, Gaddie hurriedly stripped his clothes, fastened a breech cloth (a piece of wardrobe similar to a bathing suit of today), smeared his face with dirt and plastered mud over any exposed part of his body. Hiding his other clothes in with the ducks. They swung onto their horses and started toward the Indian tents. The point was covered with heavy willow that had hid them from the Indians until they were in the open.

Simon tied the "crazy" boy's legs under the horse's belley, making doubly sure that he was a dangerous lunatic.

Alternately singing and crying as they drew near the camp, Gaddie uttered all kinds of crazy gibberish. Simon was scared to death that Gaddie was making the act too strong. However, outside the dogs and the stares of women and children, they were not bothered. A group of 10 men stood near a large tent, about 100 yards from where the boys had to pass, but even they didn't make any motion to stop them. The "crazy" boy continued to wave and look back to the camp even after they were some distance away."

Simon was heading their horses towards their camp, when Gaddie stopped him.

"Keep along the lake, Simon, till we get behind that ridge ahead, we are liable to be followed," said Gaddie.

When they got out of sight of the Indian camp behind the ridge, they raced for camp. They stopped once, only long enough to cut the ropes from the "crazy" one's legs. Jimmy Norn intercepted them two miles from the camp. He was angry but when Simon explained what had happened and how they had got away, he laughed and turned back with them.

The scouts of the party had located the Blackfoot camp that afternoon. Someone had seen the smoke when the boys made their dinner on the point and figured they had been caught. Jimmy had ordered the camp moved while he organized to hold a parley. Jimmie's camp was more numerous and they could threaten force if necessary, but he could not trust his Crees too much, so was making the trip alone first.

Gaddie got very tired of being called "the crazy one" for the rest of the trip, when their experience was told around the camp.

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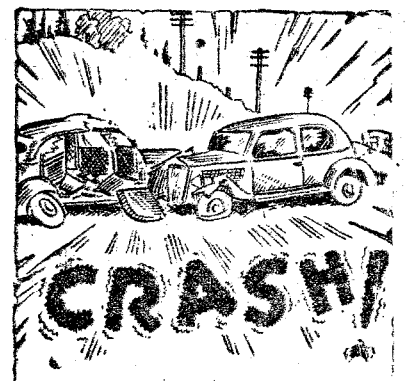

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